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SUBJ: UNESCO INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFERENCES CONCERNING  
EDUCATION (CATEGORIES I, II AND IV) DURING  
REMAINDER 1978.

1. UNESCO WILL CONVENE FOUR INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONFER-  
ENCES CONCERNING EDUCATION IN REMAINDER OF 1978.  
PRELIMINARY ANALYSES AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING EACH  
CONFERENCE FOLLOW:

A) INTERIM INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON PHYSICAL EDUCA-  
TION AND SPORT, CATEGORY II, 23-30 MAY, PARIS. THIS  
SECOND SESSION OF THE IICPES WILL MAKE AT LEAST THREE  
IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE:  
(1) FORM AND CONTENT OF THE PROPOSED CHARTER ON PHYSICAL  
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EDUCATION AND SPORT; (2) NEXT STEPS IN UNESCO'S ROLE  
CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL SPORTS COMPETITIONS, AND (3)  
GUIDELINES FOR AND ACTIVITIES TO BE INCLUDED IN UNESCO'S  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS PROGRAM. U.S. WILL NEED A  
STRONG DELEGATION TO OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITIONS ON  
(1) AND (2). AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARIAT AND  
OTHER PERMDELS/MINISTRY OFFICIALS (FRG, NETHERLANDS,

NIGERIA, FRANCE), PERMDEL FEELS IT IS IN U.S. BEST  
INTEREST TO MAINTAIN DELEGATION CONTINUITY FROM FIRST  
SESSION TO CAPITALIZE ON PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL  
RAPPORT ESTABLISHED WITH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN (CUBA) AND  
OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS. DELEGATION TO FIRST SESSION  
WAS EFFECTIVE IN INFLUENCING THIRD WORLD REPRESENTATIVES  
TO EXERCISE MODERATION ON (2) AND IN INFLUENCING PRE-  
LIMINARY RECOMMENDATIONS ON FORM AND CONTENT OF (1).  
THESE ISSUES WILL BE AMONG THE MOST POLITICAL OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA ITEMS AT 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE. IN ADDITION,  
U.S. MUST CONTINUE TO PROVIDE WELL QUALIFIED AND  
TACTFUL LEADERSHIP IF IT IS TO BE NOMINATED BY THE WEST-  
ERN CAUCUS AND ELECTED TO THE PERMANENT INTERGOVERNMENT-  
AL COMMITTEE AT 20TH GENERAL CONFERENCE. THEREFORE,  
PERMDEL RECOMMENDS AT MINIMUM HEAD OF DELEGATION AND  
MCNEELY (ELECTED AS RAPPORTEUR TO THE COMMITTEE) BE  
DESIGNATED TO DELEGATION FOR SECOND SESSION. ADDITION  
OF LAWTON (IO/UNESCO) WOULD BE ASSET.

B) INT'L CONFERENCE OF STATES TO ADOPT A CONVENTION ON  
THE RECOGNITION OF STUDIES, DIPLOMAS, AND DEGREES IN  
HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE ARAB STATES, CATEGORY I, L9-23  
JUNE, ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS DISCUSSION  
AT THE PREPARATORY EXPERTS MEETING IN RABAT (JAN 1978)  
THAT LACK OF CONSENSUS MIGHT CAUSE POSTPONEMENT OF THIS  
CONFERENCE, UNESCO SECRETARIAT IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT IT  
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AS SCHEDULED. SECRETARIAT HAS SUGGESTED THAT US SHOULD  
DEMONSTRATE ITS INTEREST AND SUPPORT BY SENDING AN  
OBSERVER DELEGATION. PERMDEL CONCURS AND RECOMMENDS THAT  
US SEND TWO-PERSON OBSERVER DELEGATION AS IT DID IN CASE  
OF CONVENTION FOR MEDITERRANEAN STATES IN DEC 1976. IT  
FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT CONTINUITY AND EFFECTIVENESS BE  
MAINTAINED BY SENDING TO THE CONFERENCE A DELEGATION  
COMPOSED OF THE TWO US REPRESENTATIVES TO THE RABAT  
EXPERTS' PREPARATORY MEETING. UNESCO REPORTS THEY WERE  
WELL RECEIVED.

C) FOURTH REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF EDUCATION  
AND THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING IN MEMBER  
STATES OF ASIA AND OCEANIA, CATEGORY II, 24 JULY TO 1  
AUGUST, COLOMBO. THESE REGIONAL MINISTERS' CONFERENCES  
HELD IN A DIFFERENT REGION EACH YEAR ARE THE SINGLE MOST  
IMPORTANT POLICY FORMULATION MEETINGS (WITH THE EXCEPTION  
OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE) CONCERNING UNESCO'S  
EDUCATION PROGRAM. IT IS HERE THAT THE MINISTERS SPEAK  
DIRECTLY TO THE DG AND FORMULATE RESOLUTIONS AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH MAP THE COURSE OF UNESCO'S PROGRAM.  
IF THE US IS TO BE INFLUENTIAL IN SHAPING UNESCO'S

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EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN GENERAL, IT MUST BE WELL INFORMED ON THE THINKING, DIRECTIONS, AND BEHIND-THE-SCENES STRATEGIES THAT OCCUR AT THESE REGIONAL MINISTERS' MEETINGS. IN ADDITION, REGIONAL MEMBER STATES GENERALLY WANT THE US TO MANIFEST INTEREST (NOT ADVICE) IN THEIR CONFERENCE, PROBLEMS AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS. SECRETARIAT AND HIGH LEVEL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION OFFICIALS OF ASIAN STATES (INDIA, MALAYSIA, INDONESIA, PHILIPPINES) HAVE VOICED THEIR HOPE THAT US WILL SEND A STRONG PROFESSIONAL REPEAT PROFESSIONAL OBSERVER DELEGATION. IN ADDITION TO PRESENCE, AND BEING WELL INFORMED, US SHOULD USE THESE CONFERENCES TO DEVELOP CONTACTS FOR INFLUENCING POLICY, PROCEDURES AND DECISIONS AT GENERAL CONFERENCE. THEREFORE PERMDEL STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT US SEND SMALL, PROFESSIONAL OBSERVER DELEGATION TO THIS CONFERENCE.  
PERMDEL RECOMMENDS THAT DELEGATION AT MINIMUM CONSIST OF ONE HIGH LEVEL USOE OFFICIAL AND PERMDEL EDUCATION ATTACHE (ESSENTIAL FOR CONTACTS AT CONFERENCE AND FOLLOW-UP WITH ASIAN PERMDELS AT UNESCO AND AT GENERAL CONFERENCE)

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ENCE). ASSIGNMENT OF LOCAL AMEMBASSY OFFICER TO JOIN THIS DELEGATION WOULD BE HELPFUL, BUT SHOULD NOT REPLACE PROFESSIONAL REPRESENTATION.

D) INT'L CONGRESS ON TEACHING OF HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL, CATEGORY IV, 12-16 SEPT, VIENNA. UNESCO SECRETARIAT AND GOA EXPECT UP TO 500 PARTICIPANTS. GOA IS GIVING CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO SECURITY. EMOTIONAL DEBATES ON KEY ISSUES ARE EXPECTED. THROUGH PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WITH UNESCO SECRETARIAT, PERM-DEL HAS LEARNED THAT UNESCO HAS SOME CONCERNS IN LIGHT OF APPARENT FAILURE TO COME TO SOME CONSTRUCTIVE ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE BEL-GRADE CONFERENCE.

2. WHEN MORE IS LEARNED, DETAILS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WILL BE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE TELEGRAM.

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